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SUBJECT: CIA "EXPOSES" IN THE TURKISH PRESS

1. IN RECENT WEEKS, SEVERAL LEFTWING TURKISH DAILIES HAVE

CARRIED WHAT PURPORT TO BE MAJOR EXPOSES OF CIA ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN TURKEY. PROMINENT AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN ANKA LHEWS SERVICE STORIES BASED ON THE 1968 EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDA PUBLICATION, "WHO'S WHO IN THE CIA." ANKA STORIES NOV. 6 AND 7, WHICH CARRIED BANNER HEADLINES IN LEFTWING DAILIES INCLUDING CUMHURIYET AND AYRINTILI HABER, ANNOUNCED AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAD BEEN A CIA "AGENT" IN 1951-53. THESE STORIES ALSO LISTED SOME 85 PAST AND PRESENT MISSION EMPLOYEES AS MEMBERS OF THE CIA.

2. THE CURRENT WAVE OF STORIES ABOUT THE CIA BEGAN LAST MONTH WHEN CUMHURIYET CARRIED AN ABRIDGED, SERIALIZED VERSION OF PHILIP AGEE'S BOOK, "INSIDE THE COMPANY." ANOTHER LEFTWING DAILY, YENI ORTAM, IS CURRENTLY RUNNING A SERIES ENTITLED, "THE CIA IN TURKEY." THE FIRST INSTALLMENT MONDAY (NOV. 3) DEALT WITH THE HISTORY OF THE CIA AND

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ITS OPERATIONS. ON TUESDAY, (NOV. 4) THE ARTICLE TOLD HOW

CIA PENETRATION OF TURKEY STARTED BECAUSE OF TURKEY'S WISH TO "BECOME A LITTLE AMERICA." NOV. 5 AND 6 INSTALLMENTS EMPHASIZED THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN TURKEY THROUGH AMERICAN PROFESSORS, FULBRIGHT EXCHANGES AND OTHER CULTURAL AVENUES. MENTIONED AS PART OF THE CIA OPERATION WERE A FORMER USIS CAO AND HIS DEPUTY.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE LEFTWING PRESS HAS FOLLOWED QUICKLY. UGUR MUMCU IN CUMHURİYET TOOK UP THE ISSUE FRIDAY: "...AMONG THE CIA OFFICIALS, THE NAME OF GEORGE HARRIS, WHO WAS WORKING IN THE EMBASSY IN ANKARA BEFORE 1960, WAS INCLUDED. MR. HARRIS RETURNED TO TURKEY DURING THE RECENT GOVERNMENT CRISIS, AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH CERTAIN POLITICIANS, RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY....ALL FASCIST COUPS ARRANGED IN POOR COUNTRIES...HAVE THE TRADEMARK OF 'THE USA' AND THE 'CIA'. WHEN I SEE AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AT ONE OF THE COCKTAIL PARTIES THESE DAYS, I AM GOING TO ASK HIM THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: 'IS YOUR MISSION WITH THE CIA STILL CONTINUING AND WITH WHOM DO YOU COOPERATE IN TURKEY?'"

4. AYRINTILI HABER'S DAILY 'DIALOGUE' COLUMN RELATED THE VIEWS ON ALLEGED CIA CONNECTIONS OF AMBASSADOR MACOMBER OF TWO TURKISH PARLIAMENTARIANS -- DEMOCRATIC PARTY DEPUTY OZER OLCMEN AND LEFTWING REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IZMIR DEPUTY SULEYMAN GENC. GENC IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "IF THE REPORT IS TRUE, IT IS A SHAMEFUL SITUATION BOTH FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE COUNTRY APPOINTING AN AMBASSADOR WHO IS ATTACHED TO THE CIA TO SERVE IN OUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE LONG ADVOCATED THE FREE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES FOR DIPLOMATS. BUT THE FACT THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTRY ALSO HAS SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE DUTIES...IS AN INSULT TO OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE....TURKEY'S GEOGRAPHICAL AND STRATEGIC LOCATION IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR WORLD CAPITALISM. THE U.S. GENERALLY REGARDS UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES LIKE TURKEY AS SATELLITES...SO...SHE USES HER PEACE CORPS FOR OTHER PURPOSES. WE HAVE WITNESSED THIS IN SOME CULTURAL ATTACHES AS WELL...IN ORDER TO EVALUATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TURKISH NATION...IT APPOINTS SOME OF ITS ABLEST PERSONNEL TO TURKEY AND OTHER STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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AS WELL...WE CAN NOT POSSIBLY REGARD THIS AS A MERE COINCIDENCE. THIS IS A SERIOUS AND CALCULATED ACT...WHenever PROGRESSIVE PARTIES COME TO POWER, THE CIA MANAGES A COUP...WORLD PUBLIC OPINION KNOWS THIS AND EVEN THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER, TURKEY SHOULD STUDY CAREFULLY THE BIOGRAPHIES OF PEOPLE APPOINTED AS AMBASSADORS TO TURKEY."

5. DP OLCMEN SAID IN REPLY: "SINCE THE SOURCE OF THE NEWS IS A BOOK PUBLISHED IN EAST GERMANY, THE SUBJECT NEEDS MORE STUDY....WHEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES, IT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH DEMOCRACY AND THE HOST NATION SHOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION TO INTEFERE IWTH HER DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER THIS IS AN AMBASSADOR OR SOMEONE ELSE...PERSONALITIES REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND....IF IT WERE THE DIRECTOR OF AID....WOULD THE SITUATION BE DIFFERENT?....THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT THE FORM BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER. BESIDES THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT SOLELY CARIED ON BY THE UNITED STATES, AS THE LEFTIST PRESS IS TRYING TO IMPLY. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS IN COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES FOR THESE SAME PURPOSES. AND THE ONE IN RUSSIA IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN THE U.S. ONLY IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO KEEP SUCH ACTIVITIES SECRET IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. ONE HAS TO BE THANKFUL FOR THIS....TURKEY SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT SUCH ORGANIZATIONS....WHEN SUCH AGENCIES GO BEYOND THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TURKEY, TURKEY SHOULD PREVENT THIS AND SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DEPORT THOSE CONCERNED."

6. COMMENT: AS MENTIONED IN PARA 1 THIS INTEREST IN THE CIA IS A WHOLY LEFTWING PHENOMENON. TO DATE NO RIGHTIST PAPERS HAVE PICKED UP THE STORIES OR COMMENTED ON THE ALLEGATIONS. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO APPARENT REASON FOR THE TIMING OF THESE SERIES, BUT TWO THEORIES HAVE BEEN ADVANCED. ONE IS THAT YENI ORTAM AND ANKA ARE MERELY REACTING TO CUMHURIYET'S SERIALIZATION OF THE AGEE BOOK. THE OTHER VIEW IS THAT THE STORIES ARE SETTING THE STAGE FOR POSSIBLE LATER ATTACKS ON U.S. TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION NEGOTIATIONS. IT MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE AMERICAN SIDE BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS GET DOWN TO THE CORE OF A NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFENSE AGREEMENT. IN THE COMMENTARIES ON THE EMBARGO AND BASE NEGOTIATIONS, THE POINT IS MADE OFTEN BY THE LEFT THAT TURKEY SHOULD LOOK TO OTHER SOURCES FOR HER ARMS AND EVEN FOR HER SECURITY. THE HOPE MAY BE THAT BY DISCREDITING THE U.S. DURING THIS PERIOD OF BILATERAL TALKS, TURKEY MAY BECOME LESS ATTACHED TO THE U.S. AND NATO AND DRAW CLOSER IN FOREIGN POLICY TO NON-ALIGNMENT.
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